

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Yasushi SASA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9832
Application No.: 10/657,107 : Group Art Unit: 2624
Filed: September 09, 2003 : Examiner: Alex Kok Soon LIEW
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For: DEFECT INSPECTION APPARATUS, DEFECT INSPECTION METHOD AND
PROGRAM

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on April 22, 2007, a petition for a two month extension of time up to and including June 22, 2007 being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.